



Assessment & Accountability Newsletter

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Our next Assessment & Accountability Newsletter will be November 7.

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Education stakeholders seek feedback on parent, staff surveys

Draft parent and staff surveys, developed by education stakeholders as part of a new Accountability Framework for Idaho schools, are available online for review and feedback until Oct. 26.

A stakeholders' committee worked with researcher Jean Henscheid and staff from the State Department of Education and Office of the State Board of Education to develop the surveys. Committee members included representatives from the Idaho Education Association, the Idaho Association of School Boards, the Idaho Association of School Administrators, the Idaho Parent-Teacher Association and the Idaho School Public Relations Association.

The committee will meet Oct. 30 to review the feedback and finalize the surveys, which will be presented to the State Board of Education in December for approval before distribution to Idaho parents and school staff in the spring.

- Draft: [Parent Engagement and Satisfaction Survey](#)
- Draft: [Staff Engagement and Satisfaction Survey](#)

- [Provide feedback on both surveys](#)

Cohort Graduation Rate

View your cohort members and their graduation status in the [Cohort Grad Rate Preview Application](#). Please submit supporting documentation whenever a high school student transfers out of your school.

Important Cohort Grad Rate dates:

- Preview Application closes: October 19
- Appeals Window: October 22 – November 2.
- Follow-up window: December 3 – 7.

If you have any questions, please email [Ayaka Nukui](#) or call her at (208) 332-6926 or [Kevin Whitman](#) at (208) 332-6893.

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READING INDICATOR

Fall IRI testing window

The fall testing window is closed. Fall IRI data is available online in the Istation portal. State results will be posted the last week of October.

Istation Round 2 training completed

Recent IRI training throughout the state was a success. Thank you for participating!

Q & A Webinars scheduled

- [Please register for IRI - Q&A on Oct. 30, 2018 10:00 AM](#)
- [Please register for IRI - Q&A on Nov. 8, 2018 3:00 PM](#)

Please prepare questions I can address to clarify issues. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the webinar. The November 8 webinar will be recorded and posted online, with a transcript and questions and answers documented.

SCIENCE

Update on Idaho's new science assessment

Thank you to everyone who applied to serve on the science item review committees in December. Applicants will be notified by Oct. 31. Additional opportunities to help us develop the new science assessment will be coming this spring. Stay tuned for more information.

For more information, contact [Heidi Arrate](#) or call her at (208) 332-6909.

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ISAT

New Resources in the ISAT Portal

- The new [Assessment Director Video Tutorial](#) is now available in the Portal. This is an important resource for personnel who may be coordinating the ISAT for the first time.
- [TIDE Quick Guide for 2018-2019](#) is now available. This Quick Guide provides a brief overview of the steps for adding user accounts, students, and student test settings/accommodations.

ISAT Comprehensive Assessment System – Important Dates

- **October 23** – Focused IAB Survey closes. To complete the surveys visit: [ELA Survey](#) and/or [Math Survey](#).
- **November 30** – [New secure testing browser](#) must be in place for 2018-2019. If schools did not update this browser at the beginning of the year, now is the time to do so.

If you need technical assistance uploading students, users or rosters, please contact the Idaho AIR Help Desk at 844-560-7365 or IDHelpDesk@air.org.

For more information, contact [Nancy Thomas Price](#) or call her at (208) 332-6988.

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NAEP

Thank you to schools who completed the Provided School Information necessary to facilitate testing.

NAEP Assessment Coordinators will be contacting the School Coordinators at each school in December. The NAEP staff will review the list of students, address specific needs for testing and proctor the NAEP on NAEP test day.

I will be visiting schools participating in NAEP in the different regions of Idaho. If you would like me to visit your school during the assessment and talk to you about NAEP, please let me know!

If you have any questions, please email [Paul Kleinert](#) or call him at (208) 332-6957.

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COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

PSAT

- On October 10, over 19,000 sophomores completed the PSAT across Idaho. Congrats on a successful test administration day. We have a few districts testing on October 24 due to timing conflicts or no school days. Good luck next week as well!
- **PSAT Score release:** December 10-12.

Next steps: Students can link their PSAT scores to Khan Academy for personalized SAT practice. This is highly encouraged, as it can assist students with content clarity on areas of improvement. With just 20 hours of practice on Khan, studies show significant gains on SAT scores.

- [How to link accounts for SAT practice](#)
- Counselor Score Week: December 3-7 – College Board dedicates a week to assist counselors in score results and provides a wealth of webinars and resources.
- The College Board Resource Library contains resources for understanding scores: [College Board K-12 Educator Resource Library](#).

SAT

- SAT School Day activities are on the horizon. SDE and College Board are collecting building level updates for SAT Coordinator, Backup Coordinator and ACCUPLACER. An email (intake

form) was sent to all current PSAT Coordinators for updating their roles as applicable.
Please respond by close of business today, 10/17/18.

- **A glimpse ahead:** You can bulk register students for SAT either as a district with multiple schools or as a single school. The decision is indicated on the intake form.
- **SAT Accommodations deadline:** February 19, 2019.
- **Other School Day** deadlines are forthcoming from College Board.

If you have questions, please contact [Melanie Jones](#) or call her at (208) 332-6933.

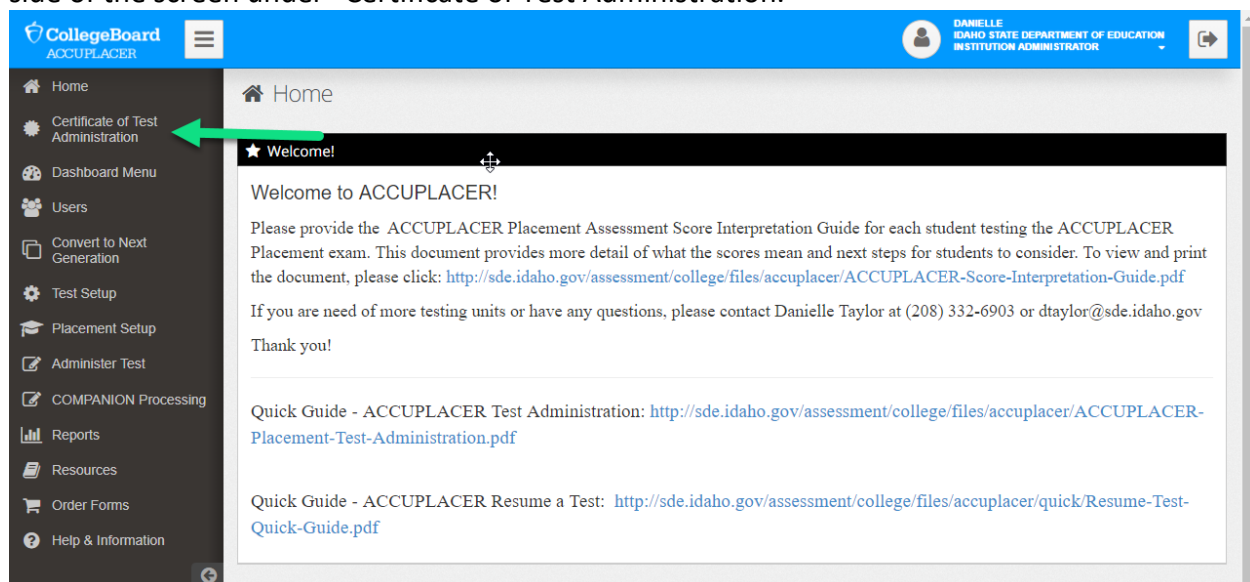
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ACCUPLACER

All proctors must be certified

This year to administer the ACCUPLACER, every proctor must be certified. If you are already a proctor and have an account, you have until November 30 to complete certification. The College Board will provide a recorded training on the ACCUPLACER certification. When the SDE receives the training webinar, we will share it out with all contacts.

If you are eager and want to certify before receiving the training, please visit the [ACCUPLACER platform webpage](#). Login with your ACCUPLACER credentials and the quiz is located on the right side of the screen under “Certificate of Test Administration.”



You must receive 100% on the quiz to receive your certification.

When the SDE was certifying, we had issues when using the Chrome browser. When we switched to Microsoft Edge browser, there were not issues with the certification process.

Currently, we are collecting ACCUPLACER contact updates and SAT contact updates. For anyone new to their role, an account will be created for you when the intake process has been finished. When your account is created, you will have a certain amount of days to receive your certification for administering the ACCUPLACER.

If you have questions, please contact [Danielle Taylor](#) or call her at (208) 332-6903.
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

WIDA ACCESS

- 10/22-11/16: Loading of Pre-ID File into AMS – completed by LEAs not the SDE.
- 10/22-11/16: Initial Test Materials Ordering in AMS – completed by LEAs.
- All WIDA ACCESS contacts will receive detailed instructions from DRC on how to complete the above tasks.
- Submit Pre-ID file early so any file errors can be checked, corrected, resubmitted and checked again.
- ALL currently identified ELL's must be included in your Pre-ID file.
- The Pre-ID file does not result in ordering of materials. You must go into AMS under the Materials Management tab to order initial test materials.
- Online testers must be entered into "material" ordering as well.
- It can help to have your counts ready to enter per grade prior to starting materials ordering, this includes any Alternate ACCESS orders.

NEW! ELMS will assist you in creating the Pre-ID file this year. You will see specific guidance and instructions within the DRC email on Pre-ID uploads that include how to use ELMS to populate your Pre-ID file. There will still be some data to populate manually, but required data will be prepopulated using the ELMS report.

State Specific Guidance, Upcoming Professional Development

Training and certification

- ACCESS 2.0 certification is required annually.
- Re-certification is not required for WIDA Screener if completed in 2017-18.
- If you are a new staff member, certification for any assessment including Screener must be completed prior to administering.

- If you have staff needing access to the WIDA portal and WIDA AMS (DRC). Contact: help@wida.us or wida@datarecognitioncorp.com.
- WIDA provides a listing of [Idaho test dates and information](#).

Helpful resources:

- [Quick Guide to Screener Online](#)
- [Technology Readiness for WIDA Assessments](#)
- [Technology Coordinators page](#)

If you have questions, please contact [Melanie Jones](#) or call her at (208) 332-6933.

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ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY HOUSEKEEPING

EDMODO

[EDMODO](#) has expanded to include new small groups within our own network group so topics can be easily sorted by specific assessments – all under the same account. Look for **Idaho State Department of Education Assessment and Accountability Networking Group 2018-2019**. *If you want to join use this code: kfeeyw*

November 14 webinar

It's time to [register for the Wednesday, November 14, webinar](#). The hour-long session begins at 10 a.m. This is your chance to hear timely updates from the SDE Assessment and Accountability team concerning important deadlines and updates or changes that you'll want to know.

Here are the links for future webinars scheduled through June. Go ahead and register now so they will be on your calendar. For previous webinars, including October's, please visit the [Resource Center for Assessment and Accountability](#).

[December 12](#)

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